



Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office

INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT# 2021-00039722

828 S Irma Blvd

Gonzales, LA 70737

EVENT	INCIDENT TYPE	INCIDENT DATE/TIME	DISPATCH DATE/TIME	ARRIVED DATE/TIME
	Accident - Airplane Crash	10/06/2021 15:03	__/__/__ :__	__/__/__ :__
	LOCATION 6255 AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL RD Gonzales, LA			

SUBJECT	SUBJECT JACKET/ROLE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)					
	Adult Driver	Dessens, Joseph					
	DOB	AGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)				
	__/__/__		Louisiana State Police				
	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYE	
White	Male						
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE		EMAIL				
	[REDACTED]						

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	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYE	
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE		EMAIL				

VEHICLE	VEHICLE ROLE			
	Accident Vehicle			
	VEH YR	TYPE/MAKE/MODEL		STYLE
		Aircraft		
	PLATE / STATE	VIN	TOP COLOR	BOTTOM COLOR
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION				
Bell Helicopter (LSP) #N373SP				

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

On 10/6/2021 at 1502 hours I, Sgt. Justin Lanoux, was dispatched to 6255 Airport Industrial Rd. (Louisiana Regional Airport) for a Louisiana State Police Helicopter that crashed while landing.

I arrived on scene with Ssgt. Steven Coriell, Gonzales Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance. We then made contact with the driver, Trooper Joseph Dessens. He complained of back pain and pain to his ribs. He had markings on his neck from the seatbelt and a mark on his forehead with no swelling. I also observed a severely damage helicopter (#N373SP) in the SW corner of the Airport property.

Trooper Dessens advised that he was flying into the airport when his LSP Helicopter lost its tail rotor effectiveness. The helicopter then began to yaw to the right and he was unable to correct it with his foot pedals. This caused him to enter a auto rotation as he was approaching the tree line at the airport. The helicopter then crashed in a field next to the landing strip. He was able to exit the helicopter and wait on

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS, VEHICLES MAY BE PRINTED ON FOLLOWING PAGES

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scene for emergency personnel.

Damage to the helicopter included, broken glass on all sides, damage to all sides of the cabin and broken rotors. There were also several markings to the dirt due to the crash. While attempting to take photos of the damage, James Jefferson (Director of Aircraft Services), was on scene and prohibited any photos being taken of the scene. No photos were taken by the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Col. Capello, Major Beeman, Captain Nethkin, Captain Hampton, Trooper Shultz and Trooper Mccee also arrived on scene. Louisiana State Police and FAA investigator Jennette Player (Phone [REDACTED]) (Case #CEN22LA009) are the primary investigators of the crash. Airport personnel asked that deputies secure a opened gate, leading onto the property, until the investigation was complete. They advised that this was so that only law enforcement and airport personnel were the only ones allowed on the premises. Deputy Robins secured the gate until the investigation was complete with no incident. No further action taken by the Ascension Sheriff's Office.



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Michael J. Hodges
Air Safety Investigator
Central Regional Office
Office of Aviation Safety
National Transportation Safety Board

Date: 10/12/2021
Person Contacted: Dean Johnson (FAA Baton Rouge FSDO – Aviation Safety Inspector, Airworthiness)
NTSB Case Number: CEN22LA009

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Dean Johnson to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- Dean Johnson and Jeanette Player from the FAA Baton Rouge FSDO traveled to Arrow Aviation in Broussard, Louisiana, to examine N373SP. (Bell 206B3 helicopter).
 - Mona Polson, air safety investigator, from Bell and Dave Riser, air safety investigator, from Rolls-Royce traveled to examine the wreckage. Also in attendance were staff members from Arrow Aviation.
 - Dean and Jeanette provided federal oversight while Mona examined the airframe and Dave examined the engine.
 - The airframe was examined, and the various fracture surfaces showed signatures consistent with overstress. Flight continuity was confirmed for the airframe. No issues were noted with the airframe fuel system.
 - The engine was examined and showed signs consistent with the engine operating under power at the time of the accident.
 - Airframe to engine control continuity was confirmed.
 - A review of the maintenance records for the airframe and engine by the FAA, Bell, and Roll-Royce, did not show any areas of concern.
 - No mechanical anomalies were noted with the airframe and the engine during the examination.
- **** Nothing Follows ****

Time	Wind (mph)	Vis. (mi.)	Sky Cond. (100s ft)	Present Wx	Temperature (°F)					Relative Humidity	Pressure		Snow Depth (in)	Precipitation (in.)		
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Data Notes

- For recent years, this page also optionally shows observations from the MADIS High Frequency METAR dataset. This dataset had a problem with temperatures detailed [here](#).

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